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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TO, KN

SUBJECT: PROTEST OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 172491

1. DCM DELIVERED PROTEST AUTHORIZED IN REFTEL TO SECGEN
FOREIGN MINISTRY DE MEDEIROS JULY 21. DIRECTOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS LARE ALSO PRESENT. NOTING PROTEST ON INSTRUCTION FROM
DEPARTMENT, EMBOFF MADE THREE POINTS
ORALLY:

A. KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CHARACTERIZATION OF U.S. POLICY INSULTING
AND DISHONEST. IF WAR OCCURS IN KOREA, IT WILL BE AS RESULT OF
NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION.

B. IMPROPER FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE NATION TO ATTACK ANOTHER
PUBLICLY WHEN BOTH ARE GUESTS OF TOGO.

C. EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN FORCED TO PROTEST THIS KIND OF
NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATION.

2. AFTER TOGOLESE HAD READ AIDE MEMOIRE AND PRESS CLIP OF
KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS, DCM SAID THAT SINCE U.S. EMBASSY
FELT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO REPLY PUBLICLY TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S
SLANDERS, WE HAD NO OTHER WAY TO MAKE DISSATISFACTION KNOWN
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THAN TO PROTEST. DE MEDEIROS AGREED THAT PUBLIC COUNTERATTACK

WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

3. SPEAKING INFORMALLY, DCM SAID TOLERATING THIS KIND OF BREACH OF DIPLOMATIC STANDARDS COULD QUICKLY LEAD TO WIDESPREAD NAME-CALLING AND REFLECT BADLY ON TOGO. HE NOTED LIBYAN EMBASSY HAD PUBLICLY ATTACKED EGYPT A FEW MONTHS AGO. HE HOPED SECGEN COULD REASON WITH KOREANS TO PREVENT REOCCURENCE. AFTER ALL, DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH TOGO AND NOT HERE TO INSULT EACH OTHER.

4. DE MEDEIROS SAID HE APPRECIATED US CONCERN AND WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. HE HOPED SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND.

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT GOT WILL ACT FORCEFULLY TO MUZZLE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR. PROTEST, HOWEVER, ADDS IRRITANT TO KOREAN-TOGOLESE RELATIONS AND SERVES NOTICE THAT TOGO GAINS NOTHING BY TOLERATING NORTH KOREAN BOORISHNESS.
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